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Studies comparing earnings associated with degrees and earnings associated with years of postsecondary attendance

Comparison of earnings from degrees with earnings from similar years of credits

Author	Data	Degree	Men	Women
Anonymous (1998)	NLSY, 1989, wages	Bachelor's	> 4 years	> 4 years
Surette (1997)	NLSY, 1989, wages	Bachelor's	> 4 years	
Kane and Rouse (1995b)	NLS72, 1990, wages	BA	> 4 years	= 4 years n.s.
Kane and Rouse (1995b)	NLS72, 1990 earnings	BA	> 4 years	= 4 years n.s.
Grubb (1995e)	SIPP, 1984, earnings	BA/BS	> 4 years	<= 4 years
Grubb (1995e)	SIPP, 1987 earnings	BA/BS	> 4 years	> 4 years
Grubb (1995e)	SIPP 1990, earnings	BA/BS	> 4 years	>= 4 years
Grubb (1995b)	NLS72, 1986, wages	BA/BS, academic	> 4 years	> 4 years
Grubb (1995b)	NLS72, 1986, earnings	BA/BS academic	> 4 years	> 4 years
Grubb (1995b)	NLS72, 1986, wages	BA/BS, vocational	<= 4 years	< 4 years
Grubb (1995b)	NLS72, 1986, earnings	BA/BS, vocational	< 4 years	<= 4 years
Anonymous (1998)	NLSY, 1989, wages	Associate's	> 2 years	> 2 years
Surette 1997	NLSY, 1989, wages	Associate's	> 2 years	
Kane and Rouse (1995a)	NLS72, 1986, earnings	AA	= 2 years n.s.	= 2 years n.s.
Kane and Rouse (1995b)	NLS72, 1986, wages	AA	= 2 years n.s.	> 2 years sig.
Kane and Rouse (1995b)	NLS72, 1986, earnings	AA	= 2 years n.s.	= 2 years n.s.
Kane and Rouse (1995b)	NLSY, 1990, wages	AA	> 2-yr or 4-yr dropout	> 2-yr or 4-yr dropout
Kane and Rouse (1995b)	NLSY, 1990, earnings	AA	> 2-yr or 4-yr dropout	> 2-yr or 4-yr dropout
Grubb (1995e)	SIPP 1984, earnings	Associate	> 2 years	> 2 years
Grubb (1995e)	SIPP 1987, earnings	Associate	> 2 years	> 2 years
Grubb (1995e)	SIPP 1990, earnings	Associate	> 2 years	> 2 years
Grubb (1995b)	NLS72, 1986, wages	Associate, academic	< 2 years	< 2 years
Grubb (1995b)	NLS72, 1986, earnings	Associate, academic	< 2 years	< 2 years
Grubb (1995b)	NLS72, 1986, wages	Associate, vocational	< 2 years	> 2 years
Grubb (1995b)	NLS72, 1986, earnings	Associate, vocational	< 2 years	> 2 years

Source: Studies in this table.